

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Pressure limiting valve, comprising a valve body biased into a closed position, whereby a connection between a pressure port and a return port may be controlled open, and to which a damping device which includes a damping piston defining a damping chamber is associated for damping the valve body movement, characterized in that the damping chamber is formed on the return side and connected with the pressure port;

wherein the damping chamber is formed coaxial with a spring chamber accommodating a closing spring,

wherein the damping piston extends in portions thereof through an axial bore of the valve body, that opens into the damping chamber on the one hand and into a pressure port-side end face of the valve body on the other side,

wherein the valve body sealingly plunges into a damping sleeve through which the damping piston extends in portions thereof, and which forms an end-side termination of the damping chamber, and

wherein the valve body includes a radially recessed, return-aside axial protrusion which plunges into the damping sleeve.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The pressure limiting valve in accordance with ~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the damping piston extends through a bottom of the damping sleeve.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The pressure limiting valve in accordance with claim 4;~~ A pressure limiting valve, comprising a valve body biased into a closed position, whereby a connection between a pressure port and a return port may be controlled open, and to which a damping device which includes a damping piston defining a damping chamber is associated

for damping the valve body movement, characterized in that the damping chamber is formed on the return side and connected with the pressure port,

wherein the damping chamber is formed coaxial with a spring chamber accommodating a closing spring,

wherein the damping piston extends in portions thereof through an axial bore of the valve body, that opens into the damping chamber on the one hand and into a pressure port-side end face of the valve body on the other side,

wherein the valve body sealingly plunges into a damping sleeve through which the damping piston extends in portions thereof, and which forms an end-side termination of the damping chamber, and

wherein the damping sleeve and/or the damping piston are supported on a set screw.

8. (Currently Amended) The pressure limiting valve in accordance with ~~claim~~ claim 1, wherein the closing spring encompasses the damping sleeve.

9. (Currently Amended) The pressure limiting valve in accordance with ~~claim~~ claim 7, wherein the valve body includes a pressure ~~port-side,~~ port-side radially recessed pin, in the range of which the axial bore is stepped back.

10. (Previously Presented) The pressure limiting valve in accordance with claim 9, wherein the pin has at its outer circumference longitudinal grooves whereby the pressure port is hydraulically connected with the valve seat.

11. (New) The pressure limiting valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein the valve body includes a pressure port-side, radially recessed pin, in the range of which the axial bore is stepped back.

12. (New) The pressure limiting valve in accordance with claim 11, wherein the pin has at its outer circumference longitudinal grooves where by the pressure port is hydraulically connected with the valve seat.

13. (New) The pressure limiting valve in accordance with claim 6, wherein the closing spring encompasses the damping sleeve.

14. (New) The pressure limiting valve in accordance with claim 7, wherein the closing spring encompasses the damping sleeve.

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